



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA  
2024 UCI MTB XCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ELITE MEN AND WOMEN  
July 13, 2024  
Aalen, DE**

**SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 UCI MTB XCE World Championship Team ("Team"). In cases where there are available start positions after the automatic qualification process, any available positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Procedures: <https://usacycling.org/team-usa/protected-event-selection>

There are extensive Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) requirements for entry into the World Championships at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the UCI website under rules and regulations – World Championships. <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Elite Women and Men: Racing age 19 years and older.
- Athlete must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition.
- Athletes must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI.
- Athletes must be in good standing with USA Cycling, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).
- Athletes must submit a petition to be considered for nomination.

**TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY**

USA Cycling will determine Team size and prioritization of events prior to the World Championship based on event goals and strategy, available resources and available athletes. USA Cycling may choose not to fill all available quota positions for all events.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN GOALS**

The priority for this event is to select athletes who meet the automatic criteria or discretionary selection definitions.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Athletes will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food, and lodging costs associated with the event. *USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility for any athletes selected to the Team.* In addition, all athletes will be responsible for paying a service fee ("Fee") of \$150.00, which will cover one week of travel insurance and administration expenses.

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

USA competition clothing is required for this event. Athletes must wear the complete kit of the current design registered with the UCI with Cuore logos. USA Cuore competition clothing is available for purchase on the [Cuore website](#) or through USA Cycling.

Failure to comply with Team clothing rules can lead to disciplinary actions including removal from the Team.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

Qualification Period:	January 1 - May 13, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Petitions:	May 17, 2024
Selection of Team:	June 7, 2024
Final Announcement of the Team:	June 14, 2024
Submission of Fee:	July 8, 2024

## **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

### **Elite Men & Women MTB - Eliminator**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** Men - 4, Women - 4

***All athletes who want to be considered for the Team must submit a petition – both automatic and discretionary nominations.***

1. Any petitioning athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2023 World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any petitioning athlete placing in the top three (3) in the final round of a UCI MTB XCE World Cup between the dates of January 1, 2024 and May 13, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athletes will be nominated in order of the placings, with the athlete with the highest placing nominated first.
  - b. If athletes have the same placing, they will be nominated in the order of their UCI MTB XCE World Cup Ranking as of May 13, 2024.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, petitioning athletes ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2023 UCI World Cup Overall Elite XCE rankings as of May 13, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be nominated first, the second highest ranked athlete will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, petitioning athletes may be nominated to the team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, petitioning athletes will be nominated to the Team in order of the UCI Individual XCO World Ranking as of May 13, 2024.